



# May 2022 Post-Election Audit Summary

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## Purpose

Election audits are conducted to ensure that election voting tabulators are operating accurately and complying with regulations or internal policies, and to promote voter confidence in the election administration process. ([United States Election Assistance Commission](#))

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## Process

### Timeline

According to Ohio Secretary of State [Directive 2022-15](#), if a recount is conducted, the post-election audit shall begin immediately after the board certifies the results of the recount. When the Board of Elections certified the results of the May 3, 2022 Primary Election on May 24, 2022, it was determined that no recount was required. The post-election audit began on Tuesday May 31, 2022, with the random selection of ballots to be audited. The counting then began on Thursday, June 2, 2022, and the audit results were certified on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

### Preparations for the Post-Election Audit

The official canvass of the election included 42,771 ballots. To meet the five percent requirement at least 2,139 ballots had to be included in the audit.

The Ohio Secretary of State ordered the Ohio Boards of Elections to audit the results of the Democratic Governor and Lieutenant Governor race, the Republican U.S. Senator race and a contested countywide race. The Board selected the Republican Representative to Congress 8<sup>th</sup> District race because it appears on ballots across the whole county. During the board meeting on May 24, 2022, it was determined that the audit would be conducted by tabulator. This means the audit will be conducted by counting the votes on individual voting machines. There are five methods a voter in Butler County can cast their ballot,

- in-person at the polls on an electronic voting machine
- in-person at the polls on a paper ballot





## Conducting the Hand Count

Teams of election officials composed of a member of each of the major political parties counted the votes of the selected tabulators. Teams slowly review either the paper ballots or the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and marked each vote on a tally sheet. When the count was complete for each tabulator, the ballots were returned to the appropriate storage area and the tally sheet was given to a separate team for entry into an audit spreadsheet to compare the results of the official canvass to the hand count.

## Results

The results of both the official canvass and the audit (hand count) are listed in the tables below.

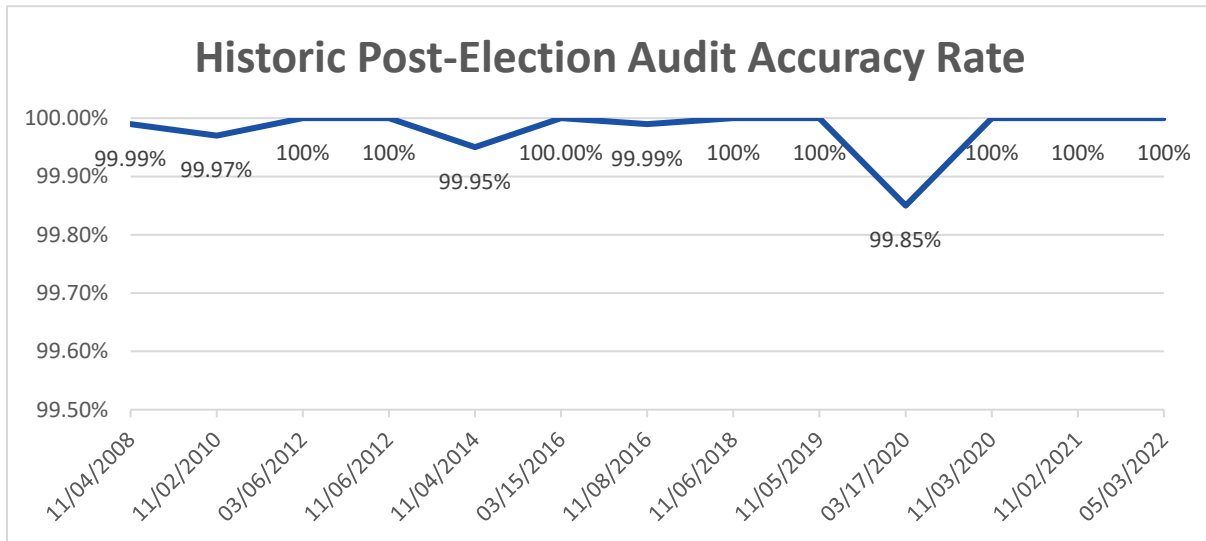
<b>Democratic Governor and Lieutenant Governor</b>				
Candidate Name	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Nan Whaley	190	190	0	
John Cranley	172	172	0	
Over-voted contest	0	0	0	
Under-voted Contest	5	5	0	
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>0</b>	

<b>Republican U.S. Senator</b>				
Candidate Name	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Matt Dolan	347	347	0	
Mike Gibbons	215	215	0	
Josh Mandel	419	419	0	
Jane Timken	86	86	0	
JD Vance	621	621	0	
Mark Pukita	32	32	0	
Neil Patel	12	12	0	
Over-voted contest	1	1	0	
Under-voted Contest	32	32	0	
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>0</b>	

Republican Representative to Congress 8 <sup>th</sup> District				
Response	Official Certification Vote Total	Audit (Hand Count) Vote Total	Difference	Explanation of difference
Warren Davidson	1,335	1,335	0	
Phil Heimlich	309	309	0	
Over-voted contest	0	0	0	
Under-voted Contest	121	121	0	
Total Votes	1,765	1,765	0	

## Historical Results

Below is a graph providing the accuracy rate of each post-election audit conducted in Butler County beginning with the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election.



## Conclusion

Election Officials completed the post-election audit of the May 3, 2022 Primary Election and found no discrepancies in the data from the official canvass to the hand count. The results of the audit show the accuracy rate to be 100%.